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Leaking  
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**OFFICIAL**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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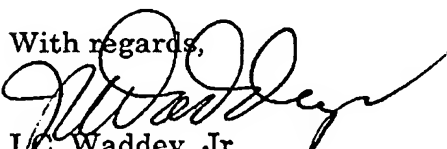
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FOR "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROTECTION  
AGAINST APPLIANCE LEAKING"  
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**MESSAGE:**

Mr. Previl:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of Friday, July 2, 2004, attached is our Response and Amendment to the referenced patent application.

With regards,

  
I.C. Waddey, Jr.**A CONFIRMING COPY OF THIS TRANSMISSION IS NOT BEING SENT BY MAIL.**

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